have also contributed by offering discount on crude oil and petroleum products to partially compensate the under-recoveries of OMCs as per the details given below:

(*Rs. crore*)

Year	Oil Bonds issued by Government	Contribution by Upstream Oil Companies
2006-07	24121	20507
Apr-Dec'07	11257*	15873#
TOTAL :	35378	36380

*For Apr-Sep'07
#Apr-Dec'07 (Provisional)

The Government is closely monitoring the international oil prices and will continue to protect the interests of consumers.

Establishment of CNG filling stations

†1201. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number fo CNG filling stations opened up during the last years for the use of vehicles in various States;

(b) whether any CNG filling station has been opened up in any of the cities in Rajasthan together with the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) As per available information, 76 CNG filling stations were opened during 2006-07.

(b) and (c) Presently no CNG station has been opened up in Rajasthan. Until recently, no trunk pipeline for natural gas was available in vicinity of the major cities of Rajasthan. GAIL has commissioned Vijaipur-Kota pipeline only in January 2007. GAIL has applied to Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) for authorization for Kota and other cities of Rajasthan.

LPG Connections in Jharkhand

1202. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of domestic LPG connections in Jharkhand;

(b) how many are waitlisted for LPG connections there;

(c) how many LPG connections were released in Jharkhand during last three years; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.